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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003,  
please amend the above-referenced application accordingly.

Amendment to claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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